

## **RESOLUTION NO. 12-752**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised of the First Annual Scholarship Gala presented by the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., and sponsored by Tec-Masters, Inc., on September 27, 2012, to be held in the Boone-Lacy Fellowship Hall of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, O. Wendell Davis, Pastor. The theme for the occasion is “Educational Excellence: Sowing Seeds for Success through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).” The Gala is to support the Academy’s scholarship program and other initiatives; and,

**WHEREAS**, Girls Incorporated® is the nation’s leading organization advocating for girls. Girls Incorporated of Huntsville (GIH) is a designated 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center providing after-school tutoring/homework help, academic enrichment, youth development and recreational programming to youth in grades K-8. Mrs. Stephanie Malone serves as the Executive Director of Girls Incorporated of Huntsville; and,

**WHEREAS**, GIH serves girls, ages 5-18, and works to inspire them to be “Strong, Smart and Bold” and builds their capacity for responsible and confident adulthood, economic independence and personal fulfillment. Girls Incorporated of Huntsville has had a strong presence in Madison County for 40 years; has served tens of thousands of girls; is recognized by the national Girls Incorporated organization as one of the leading affiliates in the nation; and has received many awards for outstanding agency accomplishments including Affiliate of the Year; recipient of the Hazel Bentley Eubanks Expansion Award, as well as having two national Girls Incorporated scholars. In 2011, The Ivy Center Huntsville/Madison County Foundation presented Girls Incorporated the Making a Difference Award for the agency’s contributions to the community. Notable recent alumni from the Girls Incorporated ranks include Ambria Lankford who received the Juris Doctorate from The University of Alabama School of Law in May 2012, and Dominique Grant, who recently graduated from the College Bound program and entered her freshman year at Alabama State University this Fall; and,

**WHEREAS**, Girls Incorporated of Huntsville believes that all students are capable of achieving high academic standards and deserve to receive a quality education. By providing assistance with homework, recruiting tutors and providing exposure to STEM (Science, Technology Engineering and Math), enrichment activities and literacy programs, Girls Incorporated program staff is committed to helping the program participants succeed in school. Current programs of the agency include: Economic Literacy, Leadership and Community Action, Media Literacy, STEM Activities and Project Bold; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, Girls Incorporated served close to 400 girls through its comprehensive after-school and summer camp program, and reached an additional 300 girls through outreach efforts in the community with programs such as the STRONG Girls 5K and the SMART Girls Summit. Girls Incorporated has recently adopted a growth plan which will allow the organization to serve more girls with impact by 2015; and,

**WHEREAS**, Girls Incorporated has enjoyed collaborative partnerships with the Missile Defense Agency and the Huntsville Museum of Art which sponsors the summer program initiative: Engineering In Art-3D Art in Motion for girls in grades 3-5. Additionally, Girls Incorporated in partnership with the Society of Women Engineers allows all girls to participate in STEM programs such as Tinkering with Tinker Bell and the Totem Pole project. Participating girls have the opportunity to compete on the Girls Incorporated First Lego League Robotics team and attend field trips to places such as Calhoun College’s Robotics and Technology Park; and,

**WHEREAS**, Girls Incorporated girls will be “Going for the Gold” this after-school session as they continue their efforts to help girls develop enthusiasm for and skills in science, technology, engineering and mathematics on their journey to becoming strong, smart and bold women in their communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and support the mission of Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., to promote and strengthen projects for the furtherance of religious, cultural, economic and community development. We congratulate Stephanie Malone as a 2012 Gala Awardee for Civic/Community STEM Award, and extend best wishes to her and the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., for continued success in all future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** this the 13th day of September, 2012.

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President of the City Council of the  
City of Huntsville, Alabama

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama